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- Bank of America agreed to pay \$131.8 million in penalties to settle U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charges that the company's Merrill Lynch division misled investors in the sale of collateralized debt obligations. – *New York Times* (See item [3](#))
- A report from Praetorian analyzed 275 mobile banking apps and found that 80 percent contained configuration and design weaknesses that could compromise security. – *Dark Reading* (See item [4](#))
- The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services approved the development of the Louisiana International Gulf Transfer Terminal Regional Center, opening up a new supply chain that will reach 32 States and Canada. – *Fort Mill Times* (See item [10](#))
- A Minnesota National Guardsman was charged in connection with stealing personal information of about 400 members of a former Army unit in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, intended for use to create fake IDs for a militia. – *Associated Press* (See item [22](#))

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

1. *December 13, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **Honda recalls all-wheel-drive Acura MDX sport utilities.** Honda announced the recall of 19,197 model year 2014 Acura MDX vehicles equipped with all-wheel-drive due to loose drive system bolts that could cause noise or damage the vehicle.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/autos/la-fi-hy-acura-mdx-recall-20131213,0,6952608.story>
2. *December 12, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **Houston-based Piping Technology and Products Inc. cited by US Department of Labor's OSHA after a worker is struck by a machine part.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Piping Technology and Products Inc., for four repeat and three serious violations at its Houston facility after a worker was injured. Proposed fines totaled \$199,800.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25236

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

3. *December 12, New York Times* – (National) **Bank of America to pay \$131.8 million penalty in mortgage deals.** Bank of America agreed December 12 to settle U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charges that the company's Merrill Lynch division misled investors in the sale of collateralized debt obligations, and agreed to pay \$131.8 million in penalties.
Source: <http://dealbook.nytimes.com/2013/12/12/bank-of-america-to-pay-131-8-million-penalty-in-c-d-o-deals/>
4. *December 12, Dark Reading* – (International) **Weak security in most mobile banking apps.** A report from Praetorian analyzed 275 Apple iOS and Android mobile banking apps and found that 80 percent contained configuration and design weaknesses that could compromise security.
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/vulnerability/weak-security-in-most-mobile-banking-app/240164731>
5. *December 12, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **\$5,000 reward for information about 'Hooded Bandit.'** The FBI offered a reward for information on a suspect known as the "Hooded Bandit" believed to be responsible for at least four bank robberies in Chicago's northwest suburbs. The suspect's most recent robbery occurred December 9 at a Chase Bank branch in Bensenville.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-fbi-looks-to-identify-hooded-bandit-20131212,0,4630951.story>
6. *December 11, WXIN 59 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Major counterfeiting operation busted on Indy's east side.** Police and U.S. Secret Service agents raided a home in Indianapolis and discovered hundreds of thousands of counterfeit bills as well as computers and printing equipment. Three people were arrested in connection with the alleged operation.
Source: <http://fox59.com/2013/12/11/major-counterfeiting-operation-busted-on-indys-east-side/>

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Transportation Systems Sector

7. *December 13, KRMG 740 AM Tulsa/102.3 FM Sand Springs* – (Oklahoma) **BNSF: Vandalism may have led to crash involving two trains.** Roughly twelve cars of a freight train that derailed in Tulsa and closed north and southbound lanes of Yale and Sheridan roads for several hours December 13 may have been due to someone deliberately decoupling a train, Burlington Northern Santa Fe stated. Crews also worked to cleanup a reported 3,000 gallons of diesel fuel that was leaking into Coal Creek.
Source: <http://www.krmg.com/news/news/local/freight-train-derailment-spills-diesel-fuel-coal-c/ncKHm/>

8. *December 12, WISH 8 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Scrappers stealing copper from light poles.** The Indiana State Police are investigating 90 cases of scrap metal thefts from light poles along Indiana highways that have caused an estimated \$200,000 worth of damages.
Source: <http://www.wishtv.com/news/indiana/scrappers-stealing-copper-from-light-poles>
9. *December 12, Selma Times-Journal* – (Alabama) **Train derailment closes County Road 83.** A Norfolk Southern train that derailed December 12 on Dallas County Road 83 after experiencing mechanical problems prompted the road's closure from Alabama Highway 14 to the railroad tracks until the train is removed December 13.
Source: <http://www.selmatimesjournal.com/2013/12/12/train-derailment-closes-county-road-83/>
10. *December 12, Fort Mill Times* – (International) **U.S. government approves Louisiana International Gulf Transfer Terminal Regional Center.** The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services approved the development of the Louisiana International Gulf Transfer Terminal Regional Center, opening up a new supply chain through the Mississippi River and its tributaries that will reach 32 States and Canada.
Source: <http://www.fortmilltimes.com/2013/12/12/3162499/us-government-approves-louisiana.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

11. *December 13, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **2 shot and wounded at NC chicken plant.** A suspect is in custody after two men were shot and injured in the parking lot of the Tyson Foods chicken plant in Monroe, North Carolina, December 13.
Source: <http://www.enquirerherald.com/2013/12/13/2831790/2-shot-and-wounded-at-nc-chicken.html>
12. *December 12, Food Safety News* – (National) **E. coli outbreak linked to salads declared over with 33 sick.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced the end of an E. coli O157:H7 outbreak December 12 linked to ready-to-eat salad products produced by Glass Onion Catering and sold at Trader Joe establishments, which sickened 33 people in four States.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/12/e-coli-salad-outbreak-declared-over-with-33-sick>
13. *December 12, Central Valley Business Times* – (National) **Multi-agency emergency response to save citrus.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture organized a unified, multi-agency coordination group that will lead efforts to address Huanglongbing, a disease that is fatal to citrus trees. The new framework allows for research projects and solutions to combat the disease.
Source: <http://www.centralvalleybusinesstimes.com/stories/001/?ID=24791>

14. *December 11, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Whole Foods market Mid-Atlantic region recalls spinach dip due to undeclared egg.** Whole Foods Market's Mid-Atlantic Region recalled an organic creamy spinach dip December 11 due to an undeclared egg ingredient in the product.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm378448.htm>
15. *December 11, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Blooming Import Inc. issues an alert on undeclared sulfites in Golden Lion Brand Dried Ziziphus Jujuba Mill (dried dates).** Brooklyn-based Blooming Import Inc., recalled its Golden Lion Brand Dried Ziziphus Jujuba Mill dried date products because it contains undeclared sulfites that were discovered following a routine sampling by New York State Department of Agriculture inspectors.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm378465.htm>
16. *December 11, KCBS 2 Los Angeles* – (California) **Sriracha maker forced to halt shipments due to health concerns.** The California Department of Public Health forced Huy Fong Foods and its distributor Giant Union Co., to halt shipments of Sriracha hot sauce until mid-January 2014 to ensure an effective treatment of micro-organisms present in the product.
Source: http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2013/12/11/sriracha-maker-forced-to-halt-shipments-due-to-health-concerns/?hpt=us_bn10
17. *December 10, Durango Herald* – (Colorado) **James Ranch beef involved in recall.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced a recall of about 90,000 pounds of meat and poultry, including James Ranch Beef products and products packaged by Yauk's Specialty Meats of Windsor due to unsanitary production and packaging conditions after an inspection at the plant near Durango December 12.
Source: <http://durangoherald.com/article/20131210/NEWS01/131219992/-1/BLOG06aboutabout/James-Ranch-beef-involved-in-recall->

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

18. *December 13, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **43 residents evacuated from Norwalk nursing home after water begins leaking.** A December 12 water leak at Norwalk Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Des Moines caused the evacuation and displacement of 43 residents. Patients were taken to nearby care facilities while authorities investigated the damage.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/e0491913c6ee490cbda9351478d6ceba/IA--Nursing-Home-Evacuated>

19. *December 11, KWES-TV 9 Midland/Odessa* – (Texas) **Odessa retirement community working to sanitize their building after norovirus outbreak.** A norovirus outbreak that sickened 33 residents at Lincoln Towers in Odessa prompted the retirement facility to sanitize common areas and limit access to the parts of the building.
Source: <http://www.newswest9.com/story/24198605/odessa-retirement-community-working-to-sanitize-their-building-after-norovirus-outbreak>

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Government Facilities Sector

20. *December 13, KGO-TV 7 San Francisco* – (California) **Crash forces elementary school closure in San Rafael.** Laurel Dell Elementary School in San Rafael was closed December 13 after a car crashed into the school December 12 causing a gas leak and injuring the individuals in the vehicle. The accident damaged electrical equipment and knocked out power and gas in the building.
Source: http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/north_bay&id=9359113
21. *December 13, KMSP 9 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Pine County man arrested in white powder mailing, fake bombs.** Authorities arrested a man December 12 in connection with mailing six envelopes containing mostly harmless bacteria in the form of white powder to a Pine County sheriff, two deputies, two judges, and a county attorney in November.
Source: <http://www.myfoxtwincities.com/story/24209341/man-arrested-after-white-powder-mailed-to-pine-county-courthouse>
22. *December 12, Associated Press* – (North Carolina; Minnesota) **Guardsman accused of stealing military IDs for militia.** A Minnesota National Guardsman was charged in connection with stealing personal information, including Social Security numbers and security clearance levels, of about 400 members of a former Army unit in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, intended for use to create fake IDs for a militia. An FBI investigation uncovered the Guardsman's theft of confidential information.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/guardsman-accused-of-stealing-military-ids-for-militia>
23. *December 12, WSAW 7 Wausau* – (Wisconsin) **30 percent of Rhinelander school sick, prompting Friday school closure.** A high incidence of a variety of illnesses among 30 percent of students and several staff members prompted Pelican Elementary School in Rhinelander to close December 13 as a precaution. The school will reopen December 16.
Source: <http://www.wsaw.com/home/headlines/30-Percent-of-Rhineland-School-Sick-Prompting-Friday-School-Closure-235619131.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

24. *December 12, Federal Communications Commission* – (National) **FCC adopts rules to make 911 calling more reliable.** The Federal Communications Commission adopted rules December 12 including, auditing 9-1-1 circuits for physical diversity, maintaining central office backup power, and maintaining reliable and resilient network monitoring systems in order to ensure 9-1-1 calls throughout the U.S. are delivered during disasters.

Source: <http://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-adopts-rules-make-911-calling-more-reliable>

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Information Technology Sector

25. *December 13, Help Net Security* – (International) **Cryptolocker copycat targets US, European users.** Researchers at IntelCrawler analyzed a new piece of ransomware dubbed Locker that encrypts targets' files and demands a ransom to decrypt them. The ransomware is spread by executable files disguised as mp3 files.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2651

26. *December 13, Softpedia* – (International) **Serious vulnerability in Safari exposes user passwords.** Researchers at Kaspersky discovered a security issue in some versions of Apple's Safari browser that stores passwords in plain text in a hidden folder utilized for the browser's session restore function.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Serious-Vulnerability-in-Safari-Exposes-User-Passwords-408935.shtml>

27. *December 13, Softpedia* – (International) **Hacker tool allows cybercriminals to automatically register Tumblr accounts.** A researcher at Webroot identified a commercially available tool that can be used by cybercriminals to automatically register Tumblr accounts for use in phishing and other campaigns.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Hacker-Tool-Allows-Cybercriminals-to-Automatically-Register-Tumblr-Accounts-408889.shtml>

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

28. *December 13, WYMT 57 Hazard* – (Kentucky) **Copper theft knocks WSGS-FM off the air.** WSGS 101.1 FM in Hazard, Kentucky, was knocked off air December 10 and December 11 due to damage caused by copper thefts. The thefts also interrupted Internet and broadcast service for at least three other radio stations in the area.
Source: <http://www.wkyt.com/wymt/home/headlines/Copper-theft-knocks-WSGS-FM-off-the-air-235686621.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

29. *December 13, Staten Island Advance* – (New York) **Man sought for questioning in copper piping theft at Staten Island warehouse.** Costal Plumbing Supply reported that their warehouse in Staten Island was broken into December 2 and copper piping worth approximately \$10,000 was stolen. Police are seeking an individual wanted for questioning in connection to the incident.
Source: http://www.silive.com/news/index.ssf/2013/12/police_seek_to_identify_allege.html
30. *December 12, WWMT 3 Kalamazoo* – (Michigan) **Over 12 displaced, 1 injured after motel fire.** A December 12 fire at the Holiday Motel in Portage caused an evacuation, displacing 12 residents and sending 1 person to the hospital. The motel sustained water and smoke damage to several rooms.
Source: <http://wwmt.com/news/features/featured/stories/over-12-displaced-1-injured-after-holiday-motel-fire-4112.shtml>

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